

A Free Bird

Kiya was a free bird. From sunrise till sunset he circled	11
above the sand and the sea with the other sea gulls, searching	23
for food. He kept a close eye on the wharf to pick up after the	38
fisherman.	39
On the beach he watched while the children had their	49
picnics, and he ate the sandwiches they couldn't finish. When	59
he came too close, the children cried, "Look! Look at the sea	71
gull!"	72
After a storm Kiya and the other gulls cleaned up the	83
shore. They ate almost anything and were still hungry.	92
One morning Kiya began the day before the sun was up.	103
He left the little island where he lived and went to the wharf.	116
Kiya wanted to be there when the fisherman came in to clean	128
the fish, but this morning no one was around.	137